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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1296A
Akira OKUTANI et al. : **Confirmation No. 3930**
Serial No. 10/588,969 : Group Art Unit 1615
Filed August 10, 2006 :
FEED ADDITIVE COMPOSITION FOR RUMINANTS, AND FEED CONTAINING THE SAME, AND METHOD OF FABRICATING SUCH FEED ADDITIVE COMPOSITION FOR RUMINANTS : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 5, 2010.

Restriction has been required and in reply, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I.

Election of Species has been required for both the protective material and preservatives, as set forth on page 3 of the Official Action.

In reply, Applicants hereby elect a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 12 to 22 carbon atoms as a specific protective material. If a more specific election is required, Applicants elect stearic acid.


Applicants further elect propionic acid or a salt thereof as a specific preservative. If a more specific election is required Applicants elect propionic acid.

Claims within Group I readable on the elected species are 1-12.

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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